



THE
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OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON D.C.

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ANNUAL THANKSGIVING LUNCH

2 THANKSGIVING LUNCH
ALL INVITED

Sunday, November 19 After Worship

Gratitude Sunday

A CELEBRATION OF THANKSGIVING
AT FBCDC: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19



Join us this Sunday, November 19, as we express thanksgiving to God through hymns, songs, Scripture and message. Also on this day, all who call First Baptist their home are invited to offer a commitment card for 2018.



**ANNUAL
THANKSGIVING
LUNCH**
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

November 19, Chef Laval is preparing our Thanksgiving feast. Cost is \$10/adults; \$7/children under 12. The deadline for reservations has passed. If you did not sign up and would like to attend, email Church Administrator D'O Dillard ASAP. Contact D'O at ddillard@firstbaptistdc.org.

(Please note: Our Thanksgiving celebration this year takes place on Sunday. There will be no Thanksgiving Eve Service or dessert social on Wednesday evening.)





60th Annual

Christmas Candlelight Carols

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017

4:00 p.m.



BLUE CHRISTMAS

A SERVICE OF
HOPE AND COMFORT

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2017 • 7PM

Are you struggling this Christmas because of loneliness, stress or grief? This hour of hope and comfort may be the best gift you receive this year. • You are warmly invited.

The service will be held in the Sanctuary. Casual dress. Childcare provided.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017 • 4PM-5PM

CARING CHRISTMAS: WEDNESDAYS IN DECEMBER



December 6th at Christ House 6:30PM-8:00PM: We will meet at Christ House to help put up Christmas decorations around the house. All are welcome to join. Christ House is located at 1717 Columbia Rd NW, in Adams Morgan. Dinner after decorating at a nearby restaurant for those who want to join in.

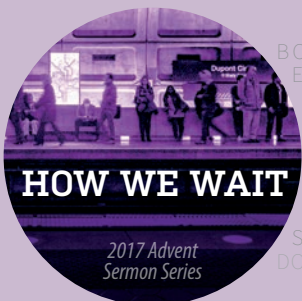
December 13th: Blue Christmas Service at 7pm (Sanctuary)

For those of us who are grieving, Christmas can be the hardest season of



all. Loss comes in so many forms: The death of someone we love. Illness. Divorce. Addiction.

Estrangement from family. Loss of a job. Or just disappointment with life in general. Our Blue Christmas service offers an invitation to acknowledge and entrust every kind of grief into the hands of our compassionate God and find some healing and hope. Come for your own grief, and/or invite and accompany someone you know who could use some hope during the holidays.



BORED WIDE-EYED EXCITED
EMPTY THANKFUL WEARY
FALTERING HOPEFUL SINGING
ACHING CURIOUS PLAYFUL
LONELY SURROUNDED
WANTING WISHING FATIGUED
BELIEVING ANGRY ASHAMED
CONTENT QUIET SERENE
SURE SECURE ALONE GRIEVING
DOUBTING GROUNDED ANXIOUS

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SUNDAYS @ 11AM

December 3

How We Wait: **WIDE-EYED**

Mark 13:24-37

December 10

How We Wait: **FALTERING**

Isaiah 40:1-11

December 17

How We Wait: **SURROUNDED**

Matthew 1:1-16

December 24

How We Wait: **BELIEVING**

Luke 1:26-38

December 24 *4PM

CHRISTMAS EVE

How We Wait: **GROUNDED**

Luke 2:1-20



December 20th at The Residences at Thomas Circle: Christmas Caroling at The Residences at Thomas Circle (a senior adult community at 1330 Massachusetts Ave, NW, not far from First Baptist). Meet at the church at 6pm to walk over together, or join the group at The Residences at Thomas Circle at 6:30pm. Dinner after caroling at a nearby restaurant for those who want to join in.

CHURCH FAMILY CHRISTMAS (FORMERLY FAMILY LIFE CHRISTMAS)

We are excited about this very special event. Every year, our children and students put on a retelling of the Christmas story during our December potluck. Join us on December 3 for lunch, Christmas carols, and the cutest kids telling us the story of Jesus' birth.



COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES - DONATIONS NEEDED



Calling on church friends and family: The Youth Group is sending finals care packages to our college students next month. If you would like to contribute, we'd love it!

What we need:

- Tissue packets
- Travel size hand sanitizer
- Lipbalm
- Fruit snacks

You can drop off these items in Pastor Alyssa's office by November 30th.

FRIENDSGIVING FRIDAY, NOV 17

This Friday, November 17, the Young Adults are having a Thanksgiving potluck hosted by Kelly Dunlap. We'll gather at 6:30. Bring something to share if you can or bring yourself and an appetite! Contact pastor Alyssa for directions.



EVENTS

Sunday, November 19

9:30am: Bible Study for all Ages

10am: Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Rm 312)

11am: Worship (Sanctuary)

12pm: Thanksgiving Lunch (Fellowship Hall)

2pm: Worship in Spanish (Dawson Room)

Thursday & Friday, November 23-24

FBC & CDC closed in observance of
Thanksgiving

DEACONS ON-CALL: WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19:



Rose Smith

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26:



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The on-call deacon is your lay contact for prayer concerns during their week of service.

FBC PRAYER & CARE

Sympathy

- To Javier Aguado and Darling Ruiz in the death of Javier's brother, Carlos Aguado, on Nov. 12
- To Ed Fry in the death of his younger brother, Robert Fry, on Nov. 6 in Independence, MO

Recently Added

- Max & Carol Yoder
- Charles Pugh
- Sharon McBeath
- Jussara Soares Guerra Silva (Raquel Guerra's mom)
- Robert Lyttle

Continued Prayers

- Kaye Shelnutt
- Gordon Richmond
- Carol Cook

MAKE NOTE

- No 3rd Sunday Youth Lunch
- No Email Update Thanksgiving Week

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